

generally apprehended that the general court, provided it be invested with appellate jurisdiction over all cases which may hereafter be determined in the court of chancery, will answer every purpose of a court of appeals: And whereas also by the eighteenth section of the bill of rights, the trial of facts, where they arise, is enumerated amongst the first palladia of the natural, civil, and political rights of freemen, and that the dragging of our fellow-citizens from the remotest part of the state to the general court, for the purpose of ascertaining facts which may be ascertained with the same precision, and much less expence, in the counties where they arise, is not only a violation of the said eighteenth section, and consequently of the constitutional law of the land, but is as unnecessary as oppressive, as accumulative of expences to the parties contending and to the state as it is incompatible with the common and almost universally received maxim among all civilised communities, that justice ought to be administered to every one as nearly as possible to his own door; now, in order to give succeeding legislatures an opportunity of remedying all these inconveniences." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Dennis, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Ridout,	Goldsbrough,	Duvall,	Beatty,	R. Wootton,	26.
	Kilgour,	Hawkins,	Bowie,	O'Bryon,	Swearingen,	Johnson,	
	Tilghman,	Howard,	T. Wootton,	Barnes,	Crabb,	Tomlinson,	
	J. Worthington,	Cox,	Quynn,	Seney,	Oneale,	Simkins.	
	Brogden,	Kerr,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Freeland,	Denwood,	Hollingsworth,	Whittington,	Prall,	M <sup>c</sup> Mechen,	31.
	J. Thomas,	King,	R. Bond,	Dennis,	Montgomery,	Van Lear,	
	Digges,	Frazier,	Ward,	Houston,	Douglass,	Hughes,	
	Ridgely, of Wm.	Daffin,	Ewing,	Purnell,	Loockerman,	Bayard,	
	Ridgely,	Gordon,	Sprigg,	Jarrett,	Driver,	Jamison.	
	T. Worthington,						

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Duvall, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Freeland,	T. Worthington,	Hollingsworth,	Whittington,	Jarrett,	M <sup>c</sup> Mechen,	30.
	J. Thomas,	Denwood,	R. Bond,	Dennis,	Prall,	Van Lear,	
	Digges,	King,	Ward,	Houston,	Douglass,	Hughes,	
	Ridgely, of Wm.	Daffin,	Ewing,	Purnell,	Loockerman,	Johnson,	
	Ridgely,	Gordon,	Sprigg,	Jamison,	Driver,	Bayard.	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Ridout,	Kerr,	Quynn,	Seney,	Oneale,	25.
	Kilgour,	Hawkins,	Goldsbrough,	Duvall,	Beatty,	R. Wootton,	
	Tilghman,	Howard,	Bowie,	O'Bryon,	Swearingen,	Tomlinson,	
	J. Worthington,	Cox,	T. Wootton,	Barnes,	Crabb,	Simkins.	
	Brogden,						

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate, with the resolution respecting the court-house in Talbot county, the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and the bill concerning the territory of Columbia and the city of Washington, by the clerk.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the commissioners of Charles-town, in Cæcil county, report, that they find the publication prescribed by a resolution of July session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, has not in this case been made, and it is therefore inexpedient to take into consideration the merits of the said memorial.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Hawkins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Moore, of Charles county, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to report, that they believe the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion, from the extreme hardship of his case, that he merits the interference of this legislature, especially as the holding his bond will be attended with no advantage to the state, (he being reduced to absolute poverty,) but will tend greatly to harass himself and distress his family; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorized and directed to deliver to Matthew Moore, of Charles county, the bond given to the state by Hezekiah Wynn, and in which John Wynn and the said Moore became securities.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Courts Jones, of Charles county, report, that they have considered the same, and find, by an official statement made in pursuance of an act of assembly, passed in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, to the governor and council, on the second day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, that the petitioner had tobacco warehouses at Cedar Point destroyed by the enemy, estimated at three hundred and fifteen pounds currency, and other property was plundered and taken away, to the amount of one hundred and nine pounds eighteen shillings and nine-pence; that by the act of seventeen hundred and eighty-five, chap-